

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION: 214

Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether he will ask the Public Protector to launch an investigation into the allegations of wasteful expenditure at PetroSA with regard to the (a) rentals and (b) contracts of cargo vessels which cost the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of rands; if not, why not; if so, when will the investigations commence? CW273E

REPLY

- (a)** I am informed that there is no irregular or wasteful expenditure at PetroSA related to vessels used in the company's operations. All relevant controls are in place and are working well.
- (b)** With reference to the allegations made by two PetroSA ex-employees on a recent TV programme, I can confirm that those allegations were thoroughly investigated at the time when they were first made and appropriate action was subsequently taken by the Board.